



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MAY 1982

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
April	8,022	8,777		32.5	7,999	8,566	31,388	33,587	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	9,494	8,760	21,286	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,440		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,898		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318
August	8,754	8,161	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273
October	10,223	8,537		37.5	8,572	8,650	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	385	338
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,150	8,704	33,480	36,731	510	533	519	489	40.6	37.0	311	265
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,168	8,728	32,445	37,607	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	267	246
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,845	30,702	38,215	631	386	351	518	12.3	37.1	164	397
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	7,902	9,004	30,373	37,259	497	527	467	469	34.4	34.7	294	319
March	11,026	9,586		43.8	8,359	8,518	33,414	34,563	661	643	519	499	43.4	38.9	318	299
April	8,254	9,048		n.y.a.	8,041	8,642	31,165	33,571	601	611	523	515	32.6	35.4	270	320
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,501	8,213	40,453	38,067	655	639	555	535	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	181	208

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for use through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION—continued

## STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes brokers(c)	% of total receipts received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	181	186	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4		
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	199	200	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,616	29,636
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,386	191	182	317.5	262	394	36,102	79.2		
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,287	168	173	319.8	414	421	67,982	82.3	30,541	30,490
September	3,966	3,446	891	804	12,083	190	171	321.2	570	427	105,627	83.4		
October	4,857	3,997	892	765	11,185	205	182	322.6	692	443	106,676	82.2		
November	3,237	3,153	994	847	11,711	169	168	324.0	669	434	86,230	77.8	31,129	31,108
December	3,232	3,800	810	801	9,514	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.2		
January	1,551	3,561	414	825	4,224	179	195	327.6	503	431	33,652	79.0		
February	3,497	3,693	694	616	10,434	195	218	332.6	388	429	37,399	76.1		
March	3,700	3,716	719	577	12,658	221	207	335.9	339	424	45,453	75.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
April	3,489	3,851	524	583	9,851	197	208	338.1	281	453	38,488	78.3		
May	3,517	3,573	419	498	n.y.a.	208	208	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
April	1,661	1,705			186	487	1,041	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	424	618	5,838
June	1,648	1,746			188	572	683	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,494	1,922			186	913	520	4,996
August	1,689	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	546	278	4,696
September	1,498	1,846			186	751	270	4,495
October	1,554	2,006			185	929	755	4,527
November	1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	669	498	4,156
December	1,423	1,624			184	599	780	4,360
January	1,561	1,750			185	687	280	3,912
February	1,686	1,931			186	698	738	3,942
March	1,716	2,156	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p187	983	1,409	4,065
April	1,813	1,895			p189	r-852	r2,040	r5,204
May	1,817	2,227			n.y.a.	-750	1,938	6,301

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1980-81—													
April	2,728	2,824							37.2	37.6	11.7	11.9	3,150
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0	11.9	11.5	3,175
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8	13.5	11.8	3,208
1981-82—													
July	2,880	2,922							45.1	39.5	14.2	11.9	3,251
August	2,852	2,990	4,293	4,387	2,909	3,013	1,468	1,542	39.7	38.4	12.0	12.4	3,278
September	2,937	3,041							37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5	3,314
October	3,057	3,011							35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6	3,361
November	3,053	3,026	4,793	4,471	3,610	3,085	1,910	1,606	37.5	39.0	11.3	11.8	3,411
December	4,222	3,120							41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1	3,457
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0	3,496
February	2,741	3,134							33.4	36.2	11.6	12.4	3,519
March	3,084	3,163	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.1	41.3	15.3	14.0	r3,542
April	3,124	3,199							38.0	39.3	12.1	12.7	3,585
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p41.2	p40.6	12.8	12.3	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$156m; March \$181m; April \$173m.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$/hr)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food(d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care(e)	Recreation (f)
1980-81—													
March			687.2			316.8							
April			687.2			317.7							
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			712.2			326.1							
1981-82—													
July			714.1			327.2							
August	286.60	194.70	717.0	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3	150.7
September			721.0			337.3							
October			723.8			336.8							
November	r298.60	r196.90	733.4	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6	156.5
December			754.1			340.4							
January			759.7			341.1							
February			763.0	1.48	351.2	341.2	339.6	387.6	304.0	361.0	354.4	474.6	160.5
March	p316.50	p207.00	765.6			341.1							
April			765.9			n.a.							

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in build- ing of house building(b)	Materials used in build- ing of other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—															
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8				
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	355.1	116.7	1,066.4	1,024.6	2,782.0	2,578.7
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82—															
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0				
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6				
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	r71.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	r3,062.5	r2,925.0
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8				
January	717.3	953.2	9.4	12.1	132.0					376.3	125.0				
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2					383.1	127.6				
March	970.1	889.1	12.2	10.8	r87.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	389.5	129.8	1,057.1	1,271.9	2,502.5	2,855.8
April	766.2	791.4	10.3	10.7	80.6					p392.8	p131.0				
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p395.6	p132.0				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m				Original	Seas. adj.	
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.									Original
	\$m	\$m					\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m			
1980-81—															
April	22,552	22,910	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,603	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,345	
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	3,310	
June	23,219	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		4,663	3,569	
1981-82—															
July	23,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	24,034	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	3,414	
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	3,399	
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,504	20,482	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	4,075	
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,927	20,625	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,699	3,305	
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	25,678	20,881	20,681	25,394	308	174	110	14.50	1,818.5	2,752	3,559	
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	25,770	316	164	102	14.50		2,779	3,345	
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,242	21,390	25,768	305	147	87	14.65		3,570	3,865	
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,160	21,572	26,042	322	165	93	14.95	396.6	3,505	3,516	
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,571	21,925	26,378	379	195	112	15.20		3,862	3,859	
April	24,248	24,643	29,278	28,708	22,348	22,300	26,709	282	147	97	15.60		5,427	3,682	
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	16.40		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

# NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure														Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private				Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
1980-81—																		
December	36,061	32,513	3,225	1,859	32,836	30,654	20,528	19,416	5,808	5,603	5,408	5,144	2,566	2,490				
March	31,263	33,120	1,383	1,655	29,880	31,465	19,041	19,944	5,339	5,663	4,993	5,562	2,157	2,447				
June	32,828	34,394	953	1,739	31,875	32,655	20,325	20,481	5,977	5,786	6,228	5,849	2,982	2,561				
1981-82—																		
September	35,434	35,738	1,451	1,980	33,983	33,758	21,045	21,142	6,046	6,117	6,170	6,267	2,586	2,808				
December	40,745	36,585	3,746	1,832	36,999	34,753	23,065	21,818	6,493	6,255	7,585	7,209	2,145	2,077				
March	35,282	37,354	1,365	1,817	33,917	35,537	21,362	22,384	5,766	6,125	5,847	6,522	2,513	2,848				
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																		
1980-81—																		
December	33,057	29,714	2,854	1,630	30,203	28,084	18,978	17,983	5,201	5,030	4,952	4,702	2,328	2,257				
March	28,222	29,959	1,323	1,591	26,899	28,368	17,231	18,060	4,754	5,029	4,464	4,984	1,906	2,166				
June	28,946	30,255	965	1,660	27,981	28,595	18,073	18,178	5,132	4,962	5,437	5,113	2,559	2,202				
1981-82—																		
September	30,443	30,909	1,415	1,903	29,028	29,006	18,346	18,422	5,077	5,142	5,275	5,353	2,164	2,352				
December	34,527	30,688	3,654	1,886	30,873	28,802	19,558	18,525	5,207	5,028	6,406	6,078	1,738	1,683				
March	28,809	30,674	1,503	1,961	27,306	28,713	17,780	18,643	4,654	4,931	4,740	5,299	1,984	2,249				
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																		
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																	
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1980-81—																		
December	6,090	6,061	5,707	5,530	4,862	4,194	8,686	6,762	18,457	17,508	2,396	9,375	4,078	26,150				
March	6,149	6,142	5,383	5,472	3,688	4,154	6,107	6,749	17,295	18,121	617	7,579	5,066	20,426				
June	6,489	6,617	5,775	5,707	3,989	4,225	5,743	6,880	18,703	18,945	200	9,595	7,428	21,070				
1981-82—																		
September	6,943	6,868	5,470	5,633	4,477	4,472	7,098	7,472	19,644	19,437	677	8,775	4,523	24,573				
December	6,836	6,790	5,422	5,243	5,002	4,309	9,899	7,372	21,179	20,257	2,831	10,509	4,605	29,914				
March	7,271	7,263	5,750	5,841	3,286	3,725	6,776	7,643	20,321	21,177	537	8,713	6,246	23,325				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)											UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)			JOB VACANCIES ('000)	
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons			
1980-81—															
April	4,256.2	4,254.3	2,509.2	2,489.7	6,765.4	6,744.7	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0			
May	4,257.1	4,261.4	2,495.6	2,499.1	6,752.7	6,755.3	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7		
June	4,244.3	4,258.0	2,484.9	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2			
1981-82—															
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8			
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,489.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7		
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1			
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4			
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	36.7		
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3			
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6			
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	33.7		
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	158.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.7			
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.1	153.1	73.0	227.2	209.0	436.2			
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	219.2	152.1	76.9	238.8	209.5	448.3			

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
( '000)**

Month	Civilian employees											Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total				
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Persons
1981—													
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4
1982—													
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9
April	275.6	128.7	579.6	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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